

**CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK**

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Michael Cinquanti

October 22, 2020

EPA Region 2
Alison Devine
290 Broadway; 25th Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: FY21 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Proposal – Narrative Information Sheet

Dear Ms. Devine:

The City of Amsterdam respectfully requests \$300,000 in brownfield assessment funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Fiscal Year 2021 Brownfields Program. With these funds, the City proposes to conduct environmental site assessments on high priority brownfield sites in order to advance refined revitalization goals. The City of Amsterdam is currently engaged in brownfield planning activities under New York State's Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program, and has ongoing projects through \$10 million in New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative funds that are currently being utilized within Amsterdam's downtown corridor.

The City has developed a prioritized inventory of over 100 brownfield sites, the redevelopment of which is anticipated to catalyze revitalization of the community. Amsterdam intends to target these sites with the assessment grant described in this proposal. Private interest in City brownfield redevelopment exists, in part owing to New York State's brownfield cleanup tax incentive program; however, valuable environmental information is lacking even for the highest priority sites along the Mohawk River, Chuctanunda Creek and within residential neighborhoods that neighbor vacant industrial sites. The City, unfortunately, does not have the resources and governance structure to complete the environmental assessment activities necessary to foster private developer interest in the brownfield sites and has been suffering from lack of proper housing for all incomes as well as retail amenities available to those who live within City boundaries.

The following presents the information required in this cover letter:

1. Applicant Identification: City of Amsterdam
61 Church St
Amsterdam, NY 12010
DUNS Number:

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2. Funding Requested:
 - a. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
 - b. Federal Funds Requested
 - i \$300,000
 - ii The City is not submitting for a Site-Specific Assessment Grant waiver
3. Location: City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York
4. Property Information for Site-Specific Proposals: N/A
5. Contacts

a. Project Director: Amanda Bearcroft	b. Highest Ranking Elected Official:
Name: Amanda Bearcroft Phone: (518) 841-4304 Email: abearcroft@amsterdamny.gov Address: 61 Church St Amsterdam, NY 12010	Name: Phone: Email: Address: 61 Church St Amsterdam, NY 12010

6. Population: 17,974
7. Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist:

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory;	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1,2
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain	1
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures	2
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

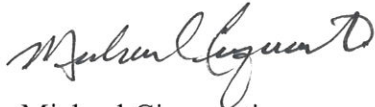
8. Letter from State Authority: Attached

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As described in the attached application, the City of Amsterdam is in need of additional resources to tackle its problematic brownfield sites. However, the City has already completed the extensive planning efforts needed to inventory brownfield sites and identify those priority most critical to the successful revitalization of the community and is continuing those efforts with our ongoing Step 2 BOA Nomination Study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions concerning this application, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cinquanti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "C" at the end.

Michael Cinquanti
Mayor

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October 2, 2020

Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

This is to acknowledge that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received a request from C&S Companies on behalf of the City of Amsterdam, dated September 15, 2020, for a state acknowledgement letter for a Federal Year 2021 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields grant.

I understand that the City of Amsterdam plans to submit a Brownfield Community-wide Assessment grant application for hazardous substances and petroleum in the amount of \$300,000. Focus of the funding will be to conduct assessment activities on brownfield sites within the City of Amsterdam based on the recently completed pre-nomination Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study. The assessment activities will further your brownfield planning work and aid in the reuse of sites. Funding will also be allocated to conduct associated community involvement activities. Please note that the USEPA criteria for an assessment grant specifies that, if selected, the City of Amsterdam may only expend up to \$200,000 of the grant on a specific site.

DEC encourages initiatives to redevelop brownfields with the goal of mitigating any environmental and health impacts that they might pose.

Sincerely,



Bernadette Anderson
Chief, Policy and Planning Section
Bureau of Program Management

cc: T. Wesley, USEPA Region 2
A. Devine, USEPA Region 2
G. Burke, DEC Albany
A. Fleck, DEC Region 4
E. Phillips, C&S Companies



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1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

1.a. Target Area and Brownfields

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area

Amsterdam is located in the Mohawk Valley Region of New York, 35 miles northwest of the state capital of Albany. Situated in Montgomery County, this 6.3-square-mile city is split by the Mohawk River. Amsterdam is seen as a gateway to flourishing areas such as Saratoga Springs and the Adirondack Mountains. Many pass through but never stop to enjoy the area. This contributes to disinvestment, a high number of vacancies and continued blight issues throughout the City.

Textile mills and production factories once flourished along Chuctanunda Creek and the Mohawk River; following WWII, Amsterdam's mills declined and now sit vacant, looming over low-income neighborhoods. A failed shopping mall bisects the downtown, creating a land use barrier, resulting in poor walkability and limited access to community and commercial services.

Several potential brownfields with possible contamination were identified within the City during Step 1 of a New York State-sponsored brownfield planning project, the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program. Many communities have one BOA study area; however, Amsterdam has three, all within federally designated floodplains. This is due to the sheer number of blighted sites in the City that hinder site reuse. The Northern Neighborhoods BOA encompasses the Chuctanunda Creek and surrounding residential homes. The East End BOA is filled with vacant visible mill buildings near the City's Main Street and Eastern Gateway. The Waterfront Heritage Area BOA covers the south side of the city and downtown neighborhoods with brownfield sites lining the waterfront. Amsterdam also has two Opportunity Zones (OZs) the only two in Montgomery County which overlap the BOAs. Due to this, the entire City of Amsterdam was identified for community-wide assessments with a specific focus surrounding the Mohawk River and Chuctanunda Creek and major pedestrian and traffic thoroughfares including Forest Avenue, East Main Street, Front Street and Five Corners, one of Amsterdam's busiest intersections.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

Amsterdam has identified over 100 brownfield and underutilized sites during the NYS BOA planning process with over 75% of the City's brownfield sites being adjacent to residences, schools, and parks where sensitive populations could be exposed to contaminants via direct contact, ingestion, and inhalation. The sites below are located throughout the City of Amsterdam but are especially close to the Mohawk River and Chuctanunda Creek and pose threats to the City in terms of capitalizing on their waterfront, being unable to attract potential tourism and develop new employment opportunities. The sites are also located on major pedestrian and traffic thoroughfares including Forest Avenue, East Main Street, Front Street. Willow Street and Five Corners, one of Amsterdam's busiest intersections. These sites have the most potential for positive impact, the below priority sites will be considered for Phase I and Phase II ESAs under this grant.

Site Name (marked with 'x' if in OZ)	Acres	Former Land Use	Potential/Known Contaminants	Planned reuse	Vacant
Turos Auto Garage	1.3	Auto repair and painting	VOCs, Petroleum, metals		X
Sunoco/Amsterdam Paper Mills (x)	6.6	Textile and paper manufacturing	VOCs, metals, pH	Outdoor recreation	X
Fownes Brothers & Co (x)	5.26	Glove manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Mixed-use w/housing	Partially

Yund, Kennedy and Yund Knitting Mill	1.58	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals		X
Kreisel Bros. Coal Yard	0.51	Coal storage & loading	Petroleum, metals		X
Shuttleworth Bros. Co. Rug & Carpet(x)	N/A	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals		X
Blood Knitting Mill	0.64	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals		X
Fourth Ave Landfill	3.6	Landfill	VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs	Renewable energy	X
Mohasco Mills (x)	9.4	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Housing/offices	X
Sanford Carpet Mills	3.0	Textile mill	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals	Flex space	X
Kelloggs and Miller Linseed Oil	5.6	Linseed oil manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, petroleum, metals		X
5-Corners Plaza/Oil Mill Pond	3.4	Suspected landfill, retail	VOCs, SVOCs, metals, PCBs	Grocery store	X

All of the sites listed above are a priority for reuse within the City of Amsterdam. The BOA Nomination Study discussed prior (1.a.i) worked with the community and Steering Committee to identify a number of the above sites to be catalytic to areas around them with the potential to spur continuous, sustainable and community backed development surrounding them:

- 5 Corners Plaza / Oil Mill Pond – Blighted site located on extremely trafficked corner. Reuse strategy includes mixed-use development with local grocer and residential units.
- Fownes Brother & Co (part of Lower Mills) – Highly visible site with adaptive reuse potential including mixed use development, artist space, office space and residential units.
- Paper Mill – Dilapidated building located directly on Chuctanunda Creek. Adaptive reuse potential includes outdoor recreation space and restaurant with new, safer streetscaping.

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area

1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

Amsterdam's 2003 Master Plan laid out strategies to increase its competitiveness and serve as a hub of regional collaboration, sustainability, and economic progress. The City has been working hard to achieve the goals outlined in the Master Plan which will improve its economy, livability, and sense of community. The Plan specifically recommended the adaptive reuse of the DeGraff St/Lower Mills, Willow St Corridor, and Mohasco Mill Complex. DeGraff St/Lower Mills are directly next to densely populated residential neighborhoods. The Willow St corridor is a source of major and visible blight within the community and is often seen by travelers. Mohasco Mills are in close proximity to Chuctanunda Creek and the existing Chuctanunda Creek Pedestrian trail.

Other projects and studies that the City continues to work on includes: a land bank program focused on housing reuse and rehab, remediation of the Mohasco Carpet Mills and Esquire Building, and a completed expansion of Riverlink Park (new Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook pedestrian bridge).

The ongoing Step 2 BOA planning builds on the recommendations for reuse proposed in the Step 1 BOA and Master Plan including: strengthening neighborhoods, new mixed-use residential, additional green space, and strategies to reuse underutilized industrial spaces. Specific reuses have been identified to serve the local community as well as attractive visitors to improve Amsterdam's

tourism including: a local grocery store; residential units; artist space; offices; outdoor recreation; and restaurant space. The City intends to use the ESAs to attract private investment in accordance with reuse plans and leverage existing tax credit incentives further explained in 1.b.ii.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

Reuse plans for strategic sites were initially created during Step 1 of the NYS (BOA) and are currently being refined during Step 2. This program is designed to create reuse plans for areas with high concentrations of brownfield sites, which perfectly matches the use of EPA funds for ESAs. Planning efforts have identified needs to be filled in the community. Currently, there is a lack in diverse and affordable housing within the City. The BOA program has identified at least two sites (over 5 acres) for new housing, to give commuters the opportunity to live within the City. As a result, this would spur redevelopment of sites that workforce typically utilize including a local grocery store, restaurants, and small commercial businesses. Assessments will assist in furthering this development and concepts for this development have been created through the Step 2 BOA.

Brownfield planning has also identified a need for pedestrian and bicycle connections due to the lack of automobile ownership and no public transportation. The community requested that these connections include green corridors and pocket parks. The Former textile mill and former shopping mall sites provide opportunities to create crucial connections, and the assessment grant would be used to determine which routes are most feasible to connect neighborhoods to the downtown corridor and waterfront which could increase spending throughout the City. Amsterdam also has a vacant rail corridor that connects their Eastern Gateway and Main Street to the Northern Neighborhood. A new Rail Trail would result in 2 new miles of trails for City residents or visitors to utilize.

The City owns approximately 30 parking lots, consisting of 350,000 sf of space and on-street parking is permitted on most streets. It is expected that the assessment and reuse of brownfield sites within the City's core will bring people back downtown and improve use of the underutilized current available parking network or spur the redevelopment of these vacant lots into productive use.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

The City was awarded a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant in 2018 under the Mohawk Valley Round 3 award, as well as a \$6.9 million in a DOT federal transportation grant to reconfigure the complex roadway system in the central portion of the City. These initiatives will help sustain the City's momentum toward site reuse and revive the downtown corridor but an EPA assessment grant is needed to advance the reuse of long-standing brownfield sites within their established focus areas. The City has completed brownfield reuse planning under Step 1 of the NYS BOA and is currently continuing planning under Step 2. After designation, the City can apply for Implementation grants under Step 3 of the program to advance brownfield reuse opportunities. Another benefit of the BOA is that any project proposed within the reuse plan automatically scores higher in all NYS grant programs, including the Consolidated Funding Application, which significantly increases the City's ability to complete community-backed projects.

The City intends to complete Phase I/II ESAs using the EPA grant for the identified priority sites and provide the information gained from ESAs to private developers. Other resources for site reuse include:

- NYS BOA Implementation (Step 3) - funding source for further analysis of reuse projects identified through the Step 2 of the BOA.

- NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP): provides a release of liability as well as significant tax incentives for developers that cleanup and reuse brownfields, including up to 50% of the remediation costs and 24% of the construction costs.
- NYS DEC Environmental Restoration Program - for 90% funding for investigation and remediation of municipally owned sites.
- NY State Energy Research and Development Authority - for implementation of renewable energy initiatives that are supported and funded through NYSERDA.
- Historic Tax Credits - Owners of income producing properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places may be eligible for a 20% federal income tax credit.
- National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment – Brownfield redevelopment program that provides grants to fund utility related infrastructure and other costs to aid in redevelopment.
- Housing and Urban Development - funding for affordable housing development and community development initiatives including Community Development Block Grants.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

The City's brownfield sites are well-served by city water, city sewer services, utilities, and parking infrastructure. The utility network was designed to service a much larger population and number of businesses, and is now underutilized. The filtration plant has a design capacity of 12 million gallons per day (MGD) and is currently operating at an average daily demand of approximately 5 MGD. The City's sewage treatment plant has a design capacity of 10 MGD and is currently operating at an average flow of 5 MGD. The reuse sites will improve the use and efficiency of the existing network and facilities. The reuse of brownfields will also reduce the pressure to develop green fields in outlying areas and extend utility systems. Much of the commercial business that once were located in the municipality have since migrated outside the City; mainly overseas or down south. Following reuse of the City's brownfields, the community has indicated a desire to frequent businesses in the City's core.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding

Loss of the mill industry and associated commercial activity resulted from the closure of the many textile mills throughout the City in the early 1900's, which led to a significant decline in the local tax base, jobs, economic opportunities, physical and socioeconomic conditions. This loss is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the City of Amsterdam lost approximately 48% of its population since the early 1900's and the population has continued decrease (-4.5% from 2010 to 2019) with no evidence of population stabilization or increase in the coming years.

With more than a quarter of the city's population living in poverty (27.5%) and many in close proximity or direct neighbors of now-vacant industrial sites, it is clear that new efforts are required to assist the community. According to 2018 US Census data, the City's median income (\$36,326) is \$12,000 lower than the NYS average (\$65,323). The City also has over double the minority percentage of Montgomery County with higher concentrations of Black and Latino populations, many residing in areas close to vacant mills and blighted properties. As a result of these socioeconomic dynamics, local public dollars have been scarce. It is now crucial that new dollars be brought into the community to energize local efforts to further brownfield planning and build a better future as the City's budget is already stretched thin. Amsterdam has been included in State programs such as the BOA program, as well as the State. An EPA assessment grant would be pivotal in forging and fueling the community's efforts to overcome significant challenges of blight, poverty and gives the opportunity to promote equitable development.

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

According to the Montgomery County 2014-2017 Community Health Assessment, the City of Amsterdam is designated as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA), in which there is a shortage of personal health services or the area may include groups of persons who face economic, cultural or linguistic barriers to health care. It is also a Medicaid Eligible Health Provider Shortage Area (HPSA) for Primary Care and Mental Health. Amsterdam's population also suffers from higher levels of asthma, lead poisoning, Lyme disease, and cancer than the national and state averages.

Amsterdam's early development patterns placed the majority of the housing stock surrounding major mills that were employment centers in the early 1900s. One example is the Fownes Mill complex, once a glove manufacturer. The six-story structures are largely vacant, are falling in and loom over the adjacent single-family homes, occupied by low-income families, on Elk, Sweeney, and DeGraff Streets. The presence potentially increases health risks of low-income populations already threatened by living in older housing stock including possible higher levels of lead and asbestos. 16% of Amsterdam's population is over the age of 65. As populations begin to age, they prefer to age in place and hope to stay in their community. Being within close proximity to potentially contaminated sites and old mill buildings puts senior populations at a higher risk.

The City is also known for having limited accessibility to markets and grocery stores that provide fresh fruit and vegetables. There are no stores with lower prices and fresh produce within City limits. This poses a threat to those with limited incomes and transportation barriers especially seniors and those with small children. According to the Montgomery County 2014-2017 Community Health Assessment, 17.3% of households within the city report having no vehicle. On top of this, there is no available public transportation within the City of Amsterdam or within Montgomery County. This is yet another barrier to families who need access to healthy, fresh food.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

The populations in our target area suffer from significant incidence of adverse health conditions:

- Asthma: In 2019 there have been 220 such cases. Amsterdam's 2018 ER visits for asthma is more than three times the national value (1.75%). Montgomery County's Asthma ER Visit Rates are over 20% higher (77.4%) than the Regional Total of 55.7%.
- Lead: In 2018 there were 22 required patient home visits due to patients with Blood Lead Level (BLL) of 10 or greater, which is considered lead poisoning. Additionally, 68 patients had a BLL between 5 and 9, which necessitated the distribution of educational materials to affected patients. Recently enacted state legislation changed the lead poisoning BLL threshold from 10 to 5 BLL, this is estimated to triple the number of affected patients.
- Lyme disease: In 2018 there were 117 confirmed cases of Lyme disease. So far in 2019 there have been 165 confirmed cases. The 2018 rate of occurrence is more than 70 times the national average of less than 0.01% (approximately 30,000 cases per year).
- Cancer: In 2019 there have been 59 deaths due to cancer. Amsterdam's rate is more than two times the national average (0.41%)
- Montgomery County's percentage of those diagnosed with Colorectal, Breast and Ovarian cancer are higher than New York States

These numbers demonstrate the local concerns related to public health and environmental challenges. The performance of environmental site assessments, will lead to a reduction in exposure rates and improve the health within the area.

(3) Disproportionally Impacted Populations

The target areas contains a mix of uses including senior housing, youth after-school buildings and low-income neighborhoods. As a result, particular populations such as seniors and those under the age of 19 are especially at risk for health affects due to past uses of sites within the City. A number of environmental justice indicators are present within the City for example:

- Amsterdam’s downtown corridor along the Mohawk River and Riverlink Park where children play is in the 70-80 percentile for Air toxics respiratory hazard index.
- All properties surround the Chuctanunda Creek as well as the Mohawk River on the north and South sides are in the 80-90 or 90-95 percentile for houses being built before 1960 Lead Paint Indicator.
- Amsterdam’s downtown corridor and northern residential neighborhoods are in the 80-90 and 90-95 percentile for distance from toxic wastewater discharge.

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Involvement & 2.b.ii. Project Roles

The City is committed to fostering partnerships to ensure the best product for the community. The City has created a Community Engagement Plan to include community members in the planning process. Representatives from local government, civic groups, local agencies and members of the existing BOA Steering Committee will be directly involved in planning, and executing all community engagement. The following project partners will assist with engagement:

Partner Name	Contact	Description/Role
Centro Civico (CC)	Marines Espinoza espinozam@centrocivico.org	Not-for-profit that focuses on community economic development in the Latino Community. Ms. Alomar is on BOA steering committee and has direct role in sites for assessment. CC has plans to buy / reuse additional sites in Amsterdam. Centro Civico will assist as acting as a liaison between community members and the City of Amsterdam / consulting on brownfield sites.
Amsterdam Housing Authority	Damaris Carbone dcarbone@amsterdamhousingauthority.org 518-842-2894	Agency that develops and maintains low-income housing and has targeted brownfields for future reuse following remediation. Damaris is on BOA steering committee with a direct role in selection of brownfield sites for assessment, and will continue that role with assistance regarding prioritization of assessments.
Creative Connections Clubhouse	John Sumpter [REDACTED] (518) 212-5905	Non-profit that provides equal access for adolescents & young adults who have or are at risk of developing an addiction. John is on the BOA steering committee, has a role in selection of brownfield sites for assessment. Creative Connections will asset as a location for outreach events and their committee role.
Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency	Nick Zabawsky orionmgtco@aol.com 518-843-0604	Facilitates a broad range of community renewal and investment projects in the City of Amsterdam, and works closely with the City to obtain private developer interest in brownfield sites for reuse opportunities.
Amsterdam Industrial	John Duchessi jduchessi@amsterdamny.gov	Assists in creation and retention of both employment opportunities and businesses, and works closely with the City to obtain private developer interest in

Development Agency	518-848-6866	brownfield sites for reuse opportunities. The AIDA owns or has owned many identified priority sites.
Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation	John VanDerwerken john.vanderwerken@ny.nacdnet.net 518-853-7013	Major function is to analyze natural resource needs and provide technical services. Role in assessments is to provide technical assistance on soil and water quality issues on brownfield sites.
Montgomery County Health Dept.	Sara Boerenko sboerenko@co.mon tgomery.ny.us	The local agency tasked with keeping residents healthy, will work with the City to help address contamination at assessed sites to protect health.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input

Community Engagement Plans were developed (and edited due to COVID 19) and are continued to be implemented during the City's current BOA projects. The City has made a great effort to encourage involvement in ongoing brownfield projects. An example of its success is attendance of over 80 residents at a brownfield planning meeting in late 2019 and over 100 responses through an online survey regarding brownfield reuse planning. Through the current grant community involvement will be advanced coincident with BOA planning meetings, including:

- *Site Analysis Tours:* Pre-Covid, the City organized walking tours with 10 or less people including stops at brownfield sites to discuss conditions and reuse possibilities / plans.
- *Steering Committee Meetings:* Regular virtual meetings with involved community members to discuss community reuse alternatives and select strategic sites for environmental assessments. The committee is composed of local and county government officials, non-profits, health-care professionals, and the Amsterdam Housing Authority.
- *Public meetings:* Virtual Meetings to inform the community of reuse planning progress and obtain community input on reuse alternatives and strategic sites for environmental assessments. The public meetings will be held at different times during the day via Zoom.
- *Press Releases:* News media releases and local radio broadcasting services will be utilized to keep the public informed relative to program progress and upcoming meetings.
- *Social Media:* Facebook pages have been created for brownfield reuse feedback and will be utilized to notify the public of outreach for the duration of the EPA Grant.

During engagement activities, minutes will be recorded and materials will be tabulated, or photographed. These materials will be included as an appendix to the City's reuse planning document. This document will be on the City's website with hardcopies at City Hall, local libraries and local community centers such as Centro Civico offices and the Creative Connections Clubhouse. A brownfields grant, specific mail will be created to receive and respond to input and questions regarding assessments.

3. Task Description, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

3a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

3a.i. Project Implementation

Task 1 – Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection: Amanda Bearcroft, Director of Community & Economic Development will manage the grant to ensure all tasks are completed in a timely manner and within budget. In order to start work immediately upon execution of the Cooperative Agreement, following award of the grant but prior to the grant period, the City will solicit proposals from qualified environmental consultants via a publicly advertised bid process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36. There is not cost for this task.

Task 2 – Staff Training/Travel: Although City staff has brownfield experience, they plan to enhance understanding of brownfields via attendance at virtual brownfield events, virtual workshops and other programs such as the bi-annual EPA conference (virtual or in person).

Task 3 – Reuse Planning, Site Prioritization and Community Outreach: The City has discussed its brownfield prioritization process in recent public meetings and via survey in 2020. As Amsterdam plans to continue these brownfield reuses, it will integrate the EPA grant into future public meetings and other outreach activities, including updates to the City’s website. An expected output from this brownfield planning grant includes a detailed reuse plan and revised list priority sites, from which the sites for assessment under this EPA grant will be selected. The active New York State planning grant, will bear the costs of the planning and outreach efforts.

Task 4 – Phase I Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I ESAs will be completed in accordance with current ASTM Standards and EPA’s All Appropriate Inquiry. Phase I ESAs will be completed at as many brownfield properties as possible during this project, based on the actual costs of the ESAs. The funding requested for this task consists of consultant’s fees to conduct the Phase I ESAs (\$3,000/site for up to 19 sites, totaling \$57,000).

Task 5 – Phase II Environmental Site Assessments: Based on previous strategic planning and the Phase I ESAs that will be completed under Task 4, the City will select approximately six sites for further evaluation via the performance of Phase II ESAs. Phase II ESAs scope will vary and will depend on Phase I ESAs findings for each site, although each is expected to include drilling and/or excavation and the analysis of soil and/or groundwater samples. The funding requested for this task consists of \$240,000 for consultant’s fees to conduct the Phase II ESAs (\$40,000/site for up to 6 sites).

3a.ii. Anticipated Project Schedule

The City intends to complete the grant activities within the three-year period, as shown below:

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperative agreement oversight completed throughout grant period: (10/21 to 9/24) b. Solicitation of proposals and selection of consultant(s): (6/21 to 9/21)
2-Staff Training will be completed as events occur throughout the grant period: (10/21 to 9/24)
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brownfield reuse planning efforts conducted now through 6/23 b. Site prioritization to occur 5/21 to 6/23, including selection of sites for Phase I/II ESAs c. Outreach efforts to be conducted every three to six months now to 9/24
4-Phase I ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of Property Approval Forms to EPA: 8 to 10 forms expected in 10/21, then quarterly until 6/3 b. Preparation of Phase I ESAs – Two months each (some will be concurrent): 11/21 to 11/23
5-Phase II ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of requests for EPA approval to conduct Phase II ESAs: 1/22 through 11/23 (immediately after each Phase I ESA completed) b. Completion of Phase II ESAs – Eight months each (some will be concurrent): 1/22 to 9/24

3a.iii Task/Activity Lead

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection–CED Director
2-Staff Training–Director of Development and other City of Amsterdam staff

3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach-Lead is ultimately City of Amsterdam CED Director, while the planning activities are being conducted by a team of consultants (urban planners, environmental engineers, landscape architects, and an environmental attorney) that report to Development Director.

4-Phase I ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.

5-Phase II ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.

3a.iv. Outputs

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports Documented consultant selection process
2-Staff Training-Event agendas, attendees’ lists, and written summaries of the seminars.
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brownfield reuse plan containing market analysis; brownfield site profiles; urban designs; conceptual reuse plans; and short-, mid-, and long-term reuse recommendations. Brownfield site inventory with prioritization criteria and ranking results. Agendas, presentations, minutes and sign-in sheets of public meetings, questionnaire results and other recorded public input.
4-Phase I ESAs–Up to 19 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
5-Phase II ESAs–Up to 6 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, some of which may include remediation plans and cost estimates.

3b. Cost Estimates

The City is requesting \$300,000 to be used to complete staff training and Phase I/II ESAs. While EPA grants can also be used for creating inventories and completing strategic planning, the City has already undertaken these activities under the NYS BOA Program and intends to advance these activities under additional state grants. However, funding for ESAs is not available to the City under Steps 1 or 2 of the BOA program, so the EPA grant will complement the planning activities undertaken under the state’s planning program.

Budget Categories	Task 1 Grant Oversight	Task 2 Staff Training	Task 3 Planning/ Outreach	Task 4 Phase I ESAs	Task 5 Phase II ESAs	Total
Travel	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,000	\$240,000	\$297,000
Total	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$240,000	\$300,000

3c. Measuring Environmental Results: Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes

The City’s Director of Community and Economic Development will track the following outputs including the number of Phase I/II ESAs completed, the amount of the budget utilized, project schedule, and number of public meetings held and community members in attendance. These will be recorded in periodic reports submitted to the EPA as well as the following outputs:

- The number and size of greenspaces created on former brownfield sites.
- Green infrastructure in terms of areas created and estimated volume of annual runoff.
- The type and extent of contaminants and the types and volumes of remediated media.
- The acreage of brownfield property that is remediated.
- The amount of private investment funds used to redevelop sites.

- The number of jobs created on remediated brownfield sites.

4. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

4a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i. Organizational Structure & 4.a.ii. Description of Key Staff

The City of Amsterdam in partnership with the Amsterdam Department of Community & Economic Development (CED) will be in charge of handling all requirements of the EPA Brownfield Assessment grant. The CED provides both economic development and planning. The Director Amanda Bearcroft will be the project manager. Ms. Bearcroft's CED responsibilities include running the department and all planning programs. She has extensive experience managing both federally and non-federally funded grant programs. Recent examples include NYS BOA and DRI grants. The department also has a Community Development and Grants Assistant to provide assistance in the planning, developing, and implementing of community & economic development programs. Other key personnel involved in management of grants are the Mayor and Controller.

4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources

When additional expertise is required during the assessment, the City will use a competitive procurement process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36, to select a contractor/consultant to assist with environmental assessments or complete other necessary activities.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

The City has not received an EPA Brownfields Grant in the past, but has successfully obtained and managed many state and federal grants similar to size, scope, and relevance of this grant.

1. Purpose and Accomplishments

- NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (\$10 million)
Amsterdam was the Mohawk Valley Round 3 recipient of DRI funding. The Community & Economic Development department is managing the \$10 million grant which equates to 15 separate projects. Contracts are starting to be executed with a strict timeline of two years for completion on all projects.
- NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area (\$200,000)
Amsterdam is currently working on two separate BOAs simultaneously for two neighborhoods. A steering committee is overseeing the progress and actively working with the consultant to track, measure, and evaluate progress. The timeline has been set to complete both studies in the summer of 2020, and that timeline has been maintained.
- City of Amsterdam Microenterprise Grant (\$200,000)/NYS HOME program (\$500,000/yearly)
In 2017 the City successfully executed a microenterprise grant helping 10 businesses and hiring 15 individuals. The program was monitored and had its closeout in 2019. The City also administers an annual HOME program with the agency. The City is always on time with reporting and disbursement requests, and always successfully closes out programs.

1. Compliance with Grant Requirements

The City's Community & Economic Development department will take the lead on the programming/administering of the grant, with assistance from the Mayor's office and City Controller. The City has no adverse audit, and carries the full ability to oversee all grant work. All previous grants have been administered in compliance, while completing monitoring, progress reports, and disbursement requests, along with any other required paperwork or resource, while adhering to the approved budget and timeline. The City will track progress by measuring and evaluating objectives and goals on a quarterly basis.

Threshold Criteria

1. Applicant Eligibility: The City of Amsterdam is eligible to apply for this assessment grant as the City is a general purpose unit of local government.

2. Community Involvement: As discussed in Section 2b., the City is committed to extensive community involvement as shown throughout previously implemented and current brownfield projects. Public Engagement Plans were created and implemented through the New York State Step 1 BOA and now, after being edited due to COVID 19, continue to be utilized through the Step 2 Nomination Study with even more outreach to receive feedback concerning reuse of sites. The City will utilize these plans as the starting point for the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for this grant.

The Community Engagement in the NYS BOA Program was unique in engaging the community and often-overlooked groups (low-income communities). Hands-on/boots-on-the-ground approaches such as site tours, card games and mock magazine covers were utilized to gain pertinent input regarding brownfields. Residents expressed the need for a grocery store, hotel, trails and expanded open space, more access to the their waterfronts and, utilization of vacant storefronts which have structured the City's brownfield redevelopment strategy.

The CIP for this grant will build on this previously leveraged input and includes the following:

- *Site Analysis Tours:* Pre-Covid, the City organized walking tours with 10 or less people including stops at brownfield sites to discuss conditions and reuse possibilities / plans.
- *Steering Committee Meetings:* Regular virtual meetings with involved community members to discuss community reuse alternatives and select strategic sites for environmental assessments. The committee is composed of local and county government officials, non-profits, health-care professionals, and the Amsterdam Housing Authority.
- *Public meetings:* Virtual Meetings to inform the community of reuse planning progress and obtain community input on reuse alternatives and strategic sites for environmental assessments. The public meetings will be held at different times during the day via Zoom.
- *Press Releases:* News media releases and radio broadcasting services will be utilized to keep the public informed relative to program progress and upcoming meetings.
- *Social Media:* Facebook pages have been created for brownfield reuse feedback and will be utilized to notify the public of outreach for the duration of the EPA Grant.

During engagement activities, minutes will be recorded and materials will be tabulated, or photographed. These materials will be included as an appendix to the City's reuse planning document. This document will be on the City's website with hardcopies at City Hall, local libraries and local community centers such as Centro Civico offices and the Creative Connections Clubhouse. An email will be created to respond to input and questions regarding assessments.

3. Expenditure of Assessment Grants: The City of Amsterdam does not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

Letters of Support



CITY OF AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Michael Cinquanti

September 10, 2020

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support – City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

As the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's 2020 Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. The City strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

The proposed work seeks to better characterize and assess sites identified through the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. Through an extensive participatory public process, the City of Amsterdam has completed Step 1 of the BOA program, and is currently working on two Step 2 Nomination Studies. The EPA grant will allow priority sites that have been identified by the BOA studies to be further investigated, as well as to continue diligent environmental planning work both within and outside of the BOA Study Areas.

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Proposed work through the EPA grant will provide the City with necessary information to further efforts concerning environmental planning and cleanup. It is critical that we continue to pursue funding opportunities to reuse vacant and abandoned properties within the community, while also stimulating economic development and growth.

Sincerely,

Michael Cinquanti
Mayor, City of Amsterdam

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City of Amsterdam
Industrial Development Agency
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

September 10, 2020

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support – City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

As the Executive Director of the City of Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency (AIDA), I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's 2020 Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application.

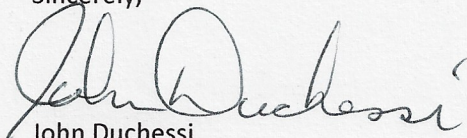
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Sincerely,



John Duchessi
Executive Director

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Executive Director
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AMSTERDAM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

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September 10, 2020

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of the Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. This Agency strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of slights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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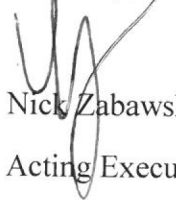
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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel

free to contact me at 518-843-0604.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Zabawsky', written over the printed name.

Nick Zabawsky

Acting Executive Director

CC: Emma Phillips



September 1, 2020

Honorable Michael Cinquanti, Mayor
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support – City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mayor Cinquanti:

As the City of Amsterdam Community & Economic Development Director I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's 2020 Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. The City and Community & Economic Development strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you have any questions or need further documentation, please feel free to contact me at abearcroft@amsterdamny.gov or 518-841-4304.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development



305 East Main St
Amsterdam, NY, 12010
518-212-5905

September 14th, 2020

To
Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support – City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

As the Creative Connections Clubhouse, I (John Sumpter) am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's 2020 Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. Creative Connections Clubhouse strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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John Sumpter
Director of Youth and Community Outreach
Creative Connections Clubhouse



Public Health Department

MONTGOMERY
COUNTY NY
Made of Something Stronger

Sara Boerenko, LCSW
Public and Mental Health Director

September 4, 2020

Ms. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development
City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bearcroft:

On behalf of Montgomery County Public Health and Mental Health Departments, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. I strongly support implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and believe that the assessment of Brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Should you acquire any addition information justifying the need for this brownfield study, please feel free to contact me at 518-853-8200 or sboerenko@co.montgomery.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Sara Boerenko, LCSW

CC: Emma Phillips



September 8, 2020

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518-841-7478 • www.smha.org

Mrs. Amanda Bearcroft
Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Amsterdam
61 Church Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Re: Letter of Support - Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mrs. Bearcroft:

On behalf of St. Mary's Healthcare, I am writing this letter to express full support for the City of Amsterdam's Brownfield's Assessment Grant Application. St. Mary's strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City, and we believe that the assessment of brownfields throughout our community will aid in reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in revitalization.

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Sincerely,

CC: Emma Phillips

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

10/28/2020

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Amsterdam

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0840664300000

d. Address:

* Street1:

61 Church Street

Street2:

* City:

Amsterdam

County/Parish:

NY

* State:

NY: New York

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

12010-0000

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community & Economic Dev Dept

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Amanda

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Bearcroft

Suffix:

Title:

Director of Community & Economic Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

5188414304

Fax Number:

* Email:

abearcroft@amsterdamny.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-20-06

* Title:

FY21 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Amsterdam Brownfields Assessment Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: